the environment have been prepared in respect of the fifteen areas so far. The details of the identified critically polluted areas are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Action Plan for Critically Polluted Areas in the Country

(a) and (b) The details of the identified critically polluted areas are :

1. Parwanoo (Himachal Pradesh)
2. Kalaamb (Himachal Pradesh)
3. Howrah (West Bengal)
4. Durgapur (West Bengal)
5. Dhanbad (Bihar)
6. Talcher (Orissa)
7. Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
8. Korba (Madhya Pradesh)
9. Manali-Madras (Tamil Nadu)
10. Bhadravati (Karnataka)
11. Singrauli (Uttar Pradesh)
12. Pali (Rajasthan)
13. North Arcot (Tamil Nadu)
14. Gobindgarh (Punjab)
15. Najafgarh (Delhi)
16. Vapi (Gujarat)
17. Chembur (Maharashtra)
18. Greater Cochin (Kerala)
19. Digboi (Assam)

(c) The schemes for abatement of pollution include Industrial Pollution Control Project. Promotion of construction of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small Scale Industrial Units, Environmental Policy and Law and Hazardous Substances Management. The total out lay for the Annual Plan, 1992-93 and for the Eighth Plan period is Rs. 10.65 crores and Rs. 80.00 crores respectively. The state-wise allocation of funds depends on the demands received and the utilisation of releases in the various states.

(d) As reported by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, of the 25 chemical and drug units located in the Patalganga and Thane-Belapur Road, 23 are complying with the prescribed standards and the remaining two have been asked to comply by December, 1992.

Permission to ONGC to Invest in Canara Bank Mutual Fund

@232. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given permission to ONGC to invest about Rs. 75 crores in Canara Bank Mutual Fund; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demands of Serving Doctors

*233. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had assured in November, 1991 to meet the demands of the serving doctors in the Central Government; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite repeated assurance no action has been taken so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) and (b) The assurance given was to consider the legitimate aspirations of the service doctors with an open mind. The Ministry of Health has taken earnest action for implementation of the Memorandum of Settlement concerning service doctors. The steps taken have led to considerable improvement in promotions and other benefits which now compare favourably with other Group A Central Services.

@Previously starred question 112, transferred from 1st December, 1992.